



# CITY MANAGER'S NEWSLETTER



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## **WATER, WATER, EVERYWHERE . . . ?**

We're thankful for the RAIN!!! However, we still need to be conscious of our water usage / consumption.

Remember, the City of Woodstock is still under a **Code Yellow** water restriction until further notice. Outdoor watering is allowed on an EVEN / ODD schedule, depending on your house number and the calendar date. NO watering should be done during the warmest hours of the day; 9:00AM through 6:00 PM.

Be aware that sewer/water bills are generated on a quarterly basis. Remember that all water used, either for indoor or outdoor purposes, is charged based on the City's current water & sewer rate of \$4.83 per 100 cubic feet (or 750 gallons). Sewer charges are NOT waived for the use of water since the City does not have the means to measure the usage of water vs. sewer.

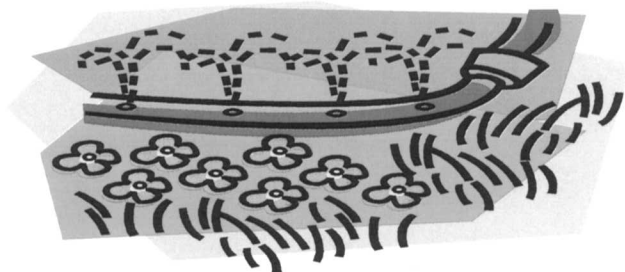
## **POLICE DEPARTMENT RECEIVES MCCF GRANT**

On Monday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>, the **Woodstock Police Department** will receive a grant from the *McHenry County Community Foundation* at their 2012 Grants Gala Celebration. The \$5,000 grant will be used to support the Boy Scouts of America Career Explorers (Police Explorer Scouts) program. The grant funds will provide uniforms for the recently established Police Explorer Post at the Woodstock Police Department. The Police Explorer Post was organized by **Sergeant Tino Cipolla** with assistance from **Sergeant Josh Fourdyce**, **Detective Jason Bernstein**, **Canine Officer Ray Lanz** and **Officer Rich Dolan**.

The Woodstock Police Department is very appreciative of this grant as well as a previous MCCF \$4,200 grant that the department used towards the purchase of new bullet proof vests.

## **LED ELECTRONIC MESSAGE CENTER (EMC) SIGNS APPROVED**

The City Council recently amended the sign ordinance allowing full color LED (light emitting diode) electronic message center signs. The changes approved by the City Council will allow local business establishments to utilize words and pictures to advertise products and services through the use of electronic message boards and LED lighting. It is anticipated that the Panera Bread facility, which is presently under construction, will be the first Woodstock business to use such signage. Although LED message boards are typically utilized for restaurants and retail establishments, they are restricted from Woodstock's downtown historic area.



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## **PLAN COMMISSION TO DISCUSS GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE BUFFER PLAN**



During the Plan Commission's June meeting, a presentation was made regarding recent and ongoing green infrastructure planning activities being conducted by the City. These activities occurred as a result of direction from the City Council to prepare a buffer plan for the Woodstock area. A draft plan has been prepared and submitted to the Plan Commission for its review and input. This activity is scheduled for the Commission's next meeting which will be held in the City Hall Council Chambers on Thursday, July 26, 2012 at 7:00 PM.

The purpose of the plan is to inventory and map natural resources in and around Woodstock and to show how these areas can be connected and used to provide buffers for the City. The Plan will be used to identify the location of sites that should be protected and managed as open space, and to show how our natural features relate to future land use and development within Woodstock and its planning jurisdiction. This information can then be used to create guidelines and recommendations for the preservation, protection, and linking of natural features which comprise green infrastructure. It will also allow residents and property owners to be better informed of the existence of green infrastructure in proximity to their property and how their land can be managed to protect and enhance adjoining green areas.

Comments generated by Commission members will be conveyed to the City Council or used to make revisions to the Plan prior to its submittal to the City Council. Copies of the draft plan can be obtained from the **Department of Community and Economic Development**.

## **LIBRARY NEWS**

### **Feeling Groovy: A Tribute to the 60's**

**Age Group(s):** All Ages, Family

**Date:** 7/21/2012

**Start Time:** 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Take a trip back in time to the 1960's when the McHenry County Historical Society's mobile museum "The James" makes a stop at the library. Enjoy a variety of exhibits featuring everything from go-go boots and lava lamps to an aluminum Christmas tree, Barbie doll, and psychedelic posters.

**Location:** Woodstock Public Library Parking Lot

### **Reading with Rover!**

**Event Type:** Children's Program, Grades 1 through 5

**Date:** 7/21/2012

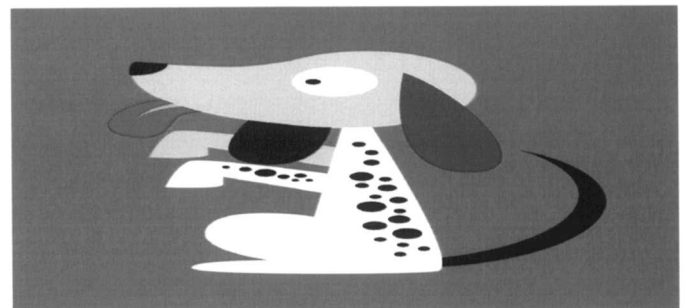
**Start Time:** 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

It's always more fun to share stories with friends – even if they get around on four paws! Independent readers going into Grades 1-5 this fall are invited to bring a book, join certified therapy dog Kalani and friends in our storytime room, and read aloud to a patient, furry friend in a no-pressure environment.

**Location** at the Woodstock Public Library Storytime Room.

**Other Information:** Each reader will be allowed a 15-minute session with the dog. A sign-up sheet will be available at the desk in the children's room beginning at 9:00AM. on the day of the dogs' visit.

Celebrate the end of a fantastic YA Summer Reading Program with this sweetly competitive party. The location is at the Woodstock Public Library large meeting room.



### **SUMMER DANCE CLASSES WRAP UP**

The **Recreation Department's** *Little Dancers, Ballet, Hip/Hop, and Kidz Pop* programs concluded the summer session this week with five maxed out classes.

Little Dancers teaches students basic ballet and jazz steps while having fun expressing themselves through creative movement. The Ballet class is a beginner ballet that teaches participants ballet terms and positions while improving the child's balance, movement and flexibility. Hip/Hop and Kidz Pop all teach popular dance moves to the current popular music.

These popular six-week classes were lead by instructor Estee Forst.

**Recreation Coordinator Renee Torrez** and the instructors are busy planning classes for Fall.

### **MEETINGS NEXT WEEK...**

Monday, July 23, 2012 Historic Preservation  
Commission, 7PM, Council Chambers  
Thursday, July 26 – Plan Commission, 7PM,  
Council Chambers

### **HEALTH & SAFETY MESSAGE: MOVE IT OR LOSE IT!**

Our society's increasing reliance on computers for work, entertainment and communication needs over the last few decades has created a dramatic change in lifestyles, and an ominous reduction in physical activity, not only in this country but around the world.



A new study suggests that inactivity is now as contributory to disease and mortality as either smoking or obesity.

Sedentary lifestyle is seen as creating direct risk for major medical killers such as breast and colon cancer, type 2 diabetes and heart disease.

It's believed that 43% of the adult US population does not engage in the recommended 150 minutes of moderate exercise per week...a mere 20-minute brisk walk per day. But what's even scarier is that this risk factor is significantly higher, affecting 3 out of 4 young people, when it comes to the inactivity levels now seen spreading among the adolescent age group.

It's never too late to start role modeling appropriate behavior for the next generation. A daily family walk or bike ride...with or without canine companionship...can go a long way towards creating healthier bodies, healthier relationships and a healthier outlook on life for all involved!

## **QUOTE**

"Always bear in mind that your own resolution to succeed is more important than any other."

Abraham Lincoln

## **RECRUITMENT NEWS**

The **Woodstock Recreation Center** has posted the following two opportunities and these recruitments close today, July 20<sup>th</sup>:

### **LPT Playroom Attendant**

Woodstock Recreation Center has an opening for limited part-time Playroom Attendant.

Position supervises members' children on-site and performs light cleaning duties. Min. age 16; good communications and customer service skills; childcare experience preferred. Schedule requires flexible availability, mornings and early evenings Mon-Sat;

8-10 hours per week, \$8.25/hr., no additional benefits.

### **LPT Recreation Center Cashier**

Highly responsible person needed long-term as front desk clerk at Woodstock Recreation Center. Check members in & out, process payments, register program participants, provide information and perform cleaning duties. Min. Qual: HS degree or equiv.; excellent customer service skills and attention to detail; computer and data entry skills required. 15-18 hrs./wk., variable hours inc. days, eves and wknds. \$8.46/hr., no additional benefits.

To apply for either position, call or visit the **Human Resources Department**, Woodstock City Hall, 121 W. Calhoun Street, 815-338-1172 or email [humanresources@woodstockil.gov](mailto:humanresources@woodstockil.gov) to request an application. **Deadline to apply: Friday, 7/20/12.**

**The recruitment to establish the next 2-year Patrol Officer Eligibility List has been extended until Friday, July 27<sup>th</sup> at 3 p.m. Qualifications remain as follows:**

21-34 yrs old (age waiver for exp. officers); US citizen; HS grad or equiv., with preference points

awarded for bachelor's degree, for associate's degree in criminal justice, law enforcement, fire service or emergency medical services, or for prior military service with honorable discharge; valid driver's license and good record; no felony convictions. FY12/13 starting salary: \$49,761 with comprehensive benefits package.

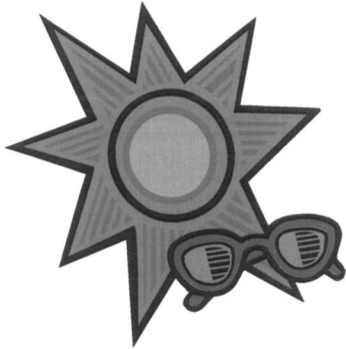
The entire application packet can be printed at [www.woodstockil.gov](http://www.woodstockil.gov) under Employment Opportunities, or emailed by contacting: [humanresources@woodstockil.gov](mailto:humanresources@woodstockil.gov). Completed applications must include \$40 processing fee (cash, check, or money order) and be submitted to City of Woodstock HR Dept., 121 W. Calhoun St., by 3 p.m. Fri. 7-27-12. Mandatory orientation and testing scheduled for Sat., 7-28-12. EOE.

## **CITY SCENE DEADLINE APPROACHING**

Preparation for the Fall City Scene is underway and scheduled to be mailed out August 29 to all residents in the 60098 zip code and the west side of Wonder Lake (D200 boundaries). The **Recreation Department** has begun planning programs for fall and all other departments must have their information in to **Recreation Director Dave Zinnen**, [dzinnen@woodstockil.gov](mailto:dzinnen@woodstockil.gov), by Monday, July 23.

# 2012 EMPLOYEE PICNIC & POOL PARTY

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Woodstock Water Works

Saturday, August 18th

9:00AM

Picnic served at 11:00AM  
City of Woodstock Employees &  
immediate families

Food (Hamburgers, Brats, and Hot  
Dogs), soft drinks, sides &  
condiments provided

